

HOUSE BILL 7040

By Lamberth

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 7, relative to psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

The board shall establish the designation of a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner (APRN-PMHNP-BC) for a nurse practitioner who holds national specialty certification as a PMHNP-BC from the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-123, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(e) Notwithstanding subdivision (b)(1), a nurse practitioner who has been issued a certificate of fitness pursuant to § 63-7-207 and this section, and who has been granted the designation of a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner (APRN-PMHNP-BC) pursuant to SECTION 1, may, in the course of providing psychiatric mental health services, diagnose, create a plan of care, issue orders, and prescribe drugs and other treatments without a collaborating physician, subject to the limitations in subdivision (b)(2).

SECTION 3. For purposes of promulgating rules and implementing necessary technological system changes, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect on January 1, 2024.